GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Utility of TDIL Programme
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any measures to create awareness about the Technology Development for Indian Languages (TDIL) Programme;
(b) if so, the details thereof , and if not the reasons therefor;
(c) whether the Government has been able to monitor the utility of the TDIL Programme;
(d) if so, the details thereof;
(e) the status of the National Broadband Roll-Out Plan for the year 2014-15 and
(f) whether the Government intends to take measures to increase the progress rate and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

(a) and (b): Yes, Madam. TDIL portal (http://tdil-dc.in) provides information about the technologies, tools and resources developed under TDIL Programme. In addition, advertisements for proliferation of language CD tools were released across India on Aug-2013, 26th Dec 2014 and 24th Feb-2015 in 22 Indian Languages in National and Regional newspapers to spread awareness.

(c) and (d): Yes, Madam. Under the TDIL Programme, several language tools, technologies and resources have been developed which have helped citizens to use ICT tools in their own languages. The projects implemented under this programme are monitored by the respective Project Review and Steering Group. In addition, the progress of the TDIL Programme is also periodically monitored by the TDIL Working Group.

(e) and (f): Yes, Madam. National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) project now renamed as BharatNet was planned, in 2011, to connect all Gram Panchayats (approx. 2.5 lakh) in the country through Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) utilizing existing fibres of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) viz. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) and RailTel and laying incremental fibre wherever necessary to bridge the connectivity gap between Gram Panchayats (GPs) and Blocks for providing broadband connectivity. The project is being executed by a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), namely, Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL), which has been incorporated on 25.02.2012 under Indian Companies Act 1956. Under this project, at least 100 Mbps bandwidth has to be provided in all the estimated 2.5 lakh GPs for utilization by all categories of service providers on non-discriminatory basis including Internet Service Providers.

State-wise status of NOFN, as on 31.01.2016, is given in the Statement at Annexure.

In order to expedite the progress, NOFN is being reviewed frequently at all the levels. A number of measures were taken as under:
(i) Empower the field units of BBNL and the 3 PSUs.
(ii) Iron out constraints in supply of materials.
(iii))Devolve greater autonomy on the implementing agencies and
(iv) Induct professionalism in the procurements and execution.
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Annexure

Statewise status of NOFN (BharatNet) as on 31.01.2016

S.No. States/ UTs No. of Gram Panchayats (GPs)- Phase I Pipe laid (kms.) Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) laid (in kms) No. of GPs where OFC laid No. of GPs lit
1. Jammu & Kashmir 624 93 69 47 0
2. Himachal Pradesh 283 201 75 14 0
3. Punjab 6128 4432 3280 2055 0
4. Haryana 6090 4775 4340 2776 45
5. Rajasthan 6967 11281 10065 3092 71
6. Chandigarh 12 18 19 12 12
7. Uttarakhand 1767 1190 862 554 46
8. UP (West) 8040 8095 4290 2055 65
9. UP (East) 14474 14634 10545 4764 36
10. Bihar 5202 6416 5303 1936 124
11. West Bengal 2713 1933 1683 619 0
12. Sikkim 0 0 0 0 0
13. Assam 1013 1751 1359 515 23

14. Jharkhand 1388 2600 1862 770 84
15. Odisha 3388 4086 2960 1355 12
16. Andaman & Nicobar 69 0 0 0 0
17. Arunachal Pradesh 256 272 69 10 0
18. Nagaland 743 1160 509 154 0
19. Manipur 24 71 73 24 0
20. Meghalaya 638 737 210 47 0
21. Tripura 1021 1277 951 434 40
22. Mizoram 163 183 0 0 0
23. Madhya Pradesh 10516 15531 12134 3898 26
24. Chattishgarh 2110 4368 3913 1258 171
25. Gujarat 5735 5508 3572 1648 91
26. Maharashtra 12055 11078 7826 3478 37
27. Daman & Diu 0 0 0 0 0
28. Dadra & Nagar Haveli 0 0 0 0 0
29. Karanataka 5599 9596 9248 4348 2283
30. Andhra Pradesh 0 1913 19 0 0
31. Telengana 2097 3912 2883 1296 5
32. Tamil Nadu 0 0 0 0 0
33. Kerala 977 746 810 1129 1129
34. Pudducherry 98 82 92 98 101
35. Lakshadweep 10 0 0 0 0
36. Goa* - - - - -
Grand Total 100200 117939 89021 38386 4401
*All the GPs of Goa are already connected with Optical Fibre.